Quotes from Climate Protection Award Winners

"Our message is that people of faith have a moral obligation to protect the earth. Those of us who believe strongly in taking responsibility for protecting the earth find it natural to campaign for climate protection. Climate sustains all humans, plants and animals. This award recognizes a powerful new aspect of faith-based environmental activism."

--Rev. Richard L. Killmer, National Council of the Churches

"The contribution Bob (Robert L.) Markle (U.S. Coast Guard) and I made to ozone layer protection was to lead the effort to simultaneously protect the climate. Some companies had proposed the use of PFCs for shipboard fire protection. PFCs can extinguish fires but they are among the most enduring manufactured chemicals with atmospheric lifetimes of up to 10,000 years. The fire protection community came together to declare PFCs unnecessary, resulting in a ban on the use on all ships operating under the international Safety of Life at Sea regulations."

--Bob (Robert T.) Wickham, Delegate, UN International Maritime Organization

"It might be hard for people not working in semiconductors to imagine how the energy and enthusiasm of technical innovation can inspire environmental protection.

STMicroelectronics is a member of the global team that has drastically reduced the emissions of PFCs and, as a company, is committed to the very aggressive goal of becoming 'climate neutral' by 2012. Today only a few companies share this ambitious goal, but soon companies will raise their sights on the ultimate goal: 'climate positive' and sustainable. Let's leave the world a little better than when we found it."

--Dr. Fabio R. Borri, Environment Strategies Corporate Director, STMicroelectronics

"The Aluminum Association and its members are proud of our voluntary partnership with EPA. It was the right thing to do and it has resulted in more than a 40 percent PFC emission reduction over the past decade. We are committed to further reductions because we and our 145,000 employees want to leave the earth a better place for our children."

--Brian W. Sturgell, Executive Vice President, Alcan Inc.

"The experts at the China National Institute of Standardization are racing against the clock to put minimum energy efficiency standards and energy labeling on China's globally successful appliance industries. With every week that passes, our efforts reduce CO2 emissions from energy-using appliances, and the money that appliance customers save on their electric bills can be used to increase the quality of life. Working within the rapidly growing economy of China makes us feel an urgency that other people may overlook when thinking about the

importance of climate change."

--Li Aixian, Department Director, China National Institute of Standardization

"The EPA Climate Protection Award recognizes organizations and individuals who are working hard to achieve a sustainable future for all. Our climate protection strategy is to empower people to build a better future. I am proud to join other champions of climate protection and I am committed to share our spirit until millions of people embrace the reality of a livable future."

--Matthew Follett, Program Director Green House Network

"Climate Change scientists are warning that the earth is at risk, but their specialized vocabulary and confusing qualifications are often too abstract to motivate citizens and politicians to the necessary action. Integrated Environmental Strategies quantifies the harmful effects of greenhouse gas emissions in ways that are more tangible. By defining the relationship between kilograms emitted, money wasted, sick workers, and dead children, we hope to motivate people to reduce their emissions. Reduced fuel use and emissions will save money and improve human health, with the added benefit of protecting the climate."

--Dr. Seunghun Joh Integrated Environmental Strategies